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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response to the rejection dated January 12, 2006 in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant herewith submits a fee for a three-month extension. Allowance of pending claims 1-20 in view of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on Page 2.

**Remarks** begin on Page 8.